
Introduced by Senator Figueroa

February 20, 2003

An act to amend Section 36620 of the Public Resources Code, relating to natural resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 512, as introduced, Figueroa. Natural resources: Marine Managed Areas Improvement Act.

Existing law establishes a system of marine managed areas in the state, with a mission of ensuring the long-term ecological viability and biological productivity of marine ecosystems and preserving cultural resources in the coastal sea, in recognition of their intrinsic value and for the benefit of future and current generations.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 36620 of the Public Resources Code is
2 amended to read:
3 36620. The mission of the state MMA system is to ensure the
4 long-term ecological viability and biological productivity of
5 marine ecosystems and to preserve cultural resources in the coastal
6 sea, in recognition of their intrinsic ~~value~~ *values* and for the benefit
7 of current and future generations. In support of this mission, the
8 Legislature finds and declares that there is a need to reexamine and
9 redesign California's array of MMAs, to establish and manage a

- 1 system using science and clear public policy directives to achieve
- 2 all of the following objectives:
- 3 (a) Conserve representative or outstanding examples of marine
- 4 habitats, biodiversity, ecosystems, and significant natural and
- 5 cultural features or sites.
- 6 (b) Support and promote marine research, education, and
- 7 science-based management.
- 8 (c) Help ensure sustainable uses of marine resources.
- 9 (d) Provide and enhance opportunities for public enjoyment of
- 10 natural and cultural marine resources.

